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SUBJECT: INDIVIDUAL IV PROGRAM TO VIEW PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

REF: SINGAPORE A-052

1. POST HAS JUST RECEIVED FROM SINGAPORE PSC THE FOLLOWING
NOMINATION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL IV GRANT TO VIEW THE PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION, WHICH SUPPORTS THE POST'S CU PROGRAM OBJECTIVES I
AND II IN REFERENCED AIRGRAM.

2. NOMINEES BIODATA: NAME: DR. LAU TEIK SOON (SURNAME LAU)
SEX: MALE. PRESENT POSITIONS: ACTING HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF POLI-
TICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE; COORDINATOR, FOREIGN
SERVICE TRAINING SCHEME, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS;
LECTURER AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPER, NATIONAL EDUCATION COURSE,
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. PREVIOUS POSITIONS: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OFFICIAL, 1966-68; RESEARCH FELLOW, INSTITUTE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN
STUDIES, 1971-72. AGE: 37. SINGAPORE CITIZEN. MARTIAL STATUS:
MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN. ADDRESS: DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL
SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, BUKIT TIMAH ROAD, SINGAPORE
10. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY
OF BIRMINGHAM, 1953; B.A. (FIRST CLASS HONORS), UNIVERSITY OF
SINGAPORE, 1966; PHD IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AUSTRALIAN
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 1972. MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS: MEMBER
OF AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION; PRESIDENT OF SIN-
GAPORE TAEKWONDO FEDERATION, SINGAPORE SPORTS COUNCIL. PUBLI-
CATIONS: AUTHOR OF 28 ARTICLES ON SOUTHEAST ASIAN ISSUES
PUBLISHED IN SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA, UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN.
PREVIOUS TRAVEL ABOARD: 1972, ON A ONE-WEEK PRIVATE VISIT
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TO THE U.S. VISITED AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND,

UNITED KINGDOM, AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS. U.S. PROGRAM DATES: ABLE TO LEAVE SINGAPORE OCTOBER 22 AND BE PROGRAMMED UNTIL NOVEMBER 15. COMMITMENTS IN SINGAPORE PREVENT EARLIER DEPARTURE AND HE HAS TO RETURN IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. AT 200 SYMPOSIUM AS CO-SPEAKER. REQUEST APPOINTMENT BE MADE WITH A. DOAK BARNETT IN HAWAII ENROUTE TO U.S. THEY ARE CO-SPEAKERS IN FOREIGN RELATIONS SESSION OF SYMPOSIUM.

3. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: SPEND PRE-ELECTION PERIOD IN STATE OR COUNTY CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS TO VIEW FINAL PRE-ELECTION ACTIVITIES FOR ALL LEVELS OF CANDIDATES. SPEND ELECTION DAY IN WASHINGTON AT HDQ. OF EITHER PRESIDENT FORD OR GOV. CARTER. POST-ELECTION PERIOD VISIT FSI AND STAFF COLLEGES FOR OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION ON TEACHING METHODS AND CURRICULUM.

4. WE REALIZE LATE DATE OF THIS NOMINATION, BUT EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE LAU. WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THIS NOMINATION AND LAU SHOULD GAIN A GREAT DEAL FROM THE VISIT. FYI- NOMINATION OF LAU AND THAT OF MRP PARTICIPANT OW CHIN HOCK WERE MADE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN U. S. AT 200. HOWEVER, WE VIEW THIS AS AN INTERESTING COINCIDENCE.
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